

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

*In re* Application of )  
Tremblay *et al.* ) Group Art Unit: TBA  
Serial No. TBA ) Examiner: TBA  
Filing Date: even herewith ) Docket No. 04780.00001

For: ***HCaRG*, A Novel Calcium-Regulated Gene Coding for a Nuclear Protein**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendment before examining the application referenced above.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1, please insert the following paragraph after the title:

This is a continuation-in-part of co-pending application Serial No. 09/223,796 filed December 31, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 08/667,495 filed June 21, 1996, now abandoned. This application also claims the benefit of co-pending Canadian application No. 2,312,266 filed July 14, 2000. Each of these applications is incorporated by reference herein.

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Respectfully submitted,

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